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In re Application of:)
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For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE)
CONFIGURATION)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

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- 203. The method of claim 121, wherein the step of providing the implant includes providing an implant having at least one opening in each of the upper and lower surfaces in communication with one another, the openings being configured to permit for the growth of bone from vertebral body to adjacent vertebral body through the implant.
204. The method of claim 203, further comprising the step of combining the implant with at least one of bone, bone morphogenetic proteins, hydroxyapatite, and genes coding for the production of bone.
205. The method of claim 203, wherein the step of providing the implant includes providing an implant having an internal chamber between the upper and lower

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